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### **Over 800 People Run, Walk, and Rock to Support Lory's Place**

**St. Joseph, MI** – On Saturday, May 16, over 800 people gathered in the Edgewater Area of St. Joseph to take part in the Fifth Annual Run, Walk, and Rock event to support Lory's Place, the grief healing and education center of Hospice at Home.

“It was an amazing day – with many families and friends coming to Lory's Place for the first time,” states Lisa Bartoszek, Hospice at Home Director of Bereavement and Lory's Place. “The event was a wonderful success. Our participation increased again this year and we received tremendous support from our community.” According to Bartoszek donations from this event provide the programs and service of Lory's Place at no charge to anyone in the community.

For the second year, Lake Michigan Catholic Schools, namely the Middle School section, won the Champions for Children Challenge award; a traveling trophy presented to the school with the most participation from students and faculty. In total this year, there were 52 schools represented by 234 students at the event. New this year, the event added chip timing for quick race results. Winners of the 5K Run were 16 year old Christopher Pfahler and returning 2005 champion Andrea Hutchins. Winners of the 5K Walk were Julie Koch and defending 2008 champion Ed Zimmerman.

Under the direction of event chair Christine Borah and race director Jon Veersma, the Lory's Place Fifth Annual Run, Walk, and Rock began with a Hope Run for children. 21 children ran the half-mile fun run. It was followed by the timed 5 km run/walk course which took 750 registered runners and walkers through the old and new areas of the Edgewater Development - past the sailboats in the marina, along the river, past Lake Michigan and its sandy beaches, down the historical brick streets of Ridgeway, and into parts of St. Joseph's newest development. Those that did not run or walk used comfortable rocking chairs as they cheered at the finish line. Lory's Place was open to the public during the event.

Lory's Place was created to help children and their families work through their grief so they can become capable, healthy, and optimistic about the future. The center was established in memory of Dr. Lory Schults, local physician, who tragically died in an auto accident in January 2004. "Hundreds of children and families participate in Lory's Place programs. The children and families of Lory's Place learn to cope with their loss in healthy ways and avoid the pitfalls of risky behaviors that can be associated with unresolved grief," continues Bartoszek. "From helping at the scene of an accident; to holding a child's hand as they say good-bye at a funeral; to teaching friends and relatives how to provide support; it is only through the generosity of individuals, foundations, and companies that Lory's Place can continue to operate and provide services."

To receive more information about Lory's Place or the Run, Walk, and Rock, including official race results, call 269-983-2707 or 1-800-717-3812, or go to [www.lorysplace.org](http://www.lorysplace.org). The date has been set for next year's Run, Walk and Rock, so mark May 15, 2010, on your calendar as you will not want to miss this terrific event to support Lory's Place.

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Photos attached